

PEACOCK SCHOOL

ONE ROOM SCHOOL HOUSE

1928-1929

The first school I taught was the Peacock School, Near Mt. Pleasant the following people were in that class:

Hubert Curtis

Marie Curtis, married Henry Scott

Bessie Peacock

J. L. Peacock, married Bobbie Williamson

Mary Willie Lucas

LaVerne Lucas, married Kenneth Riley

Gerald Barnes

Gwin Barnes, married Hebrew Pryor

Elouise Austin

Eula Mae Austin

Olivia Austin, married James Judkins

Elizabeth Austin married a Mr. Hale

Addie Ruston

Malvin Jeffers

Orvid Jeffers

Loren Hobbs, married Otis Lee

S. B. Hobbs

Shirley Hobbs, married Janie Sivils

June Hobbs

I boarded with the Make Curtis familey for \$20.00 a month. I stayed at the Curtis home wuntil they all got down sick at one time with the measels and then I moved to the Home of Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ladd for the rest of the year. Earl and Dorthy May were small children. My salary was \$80.00 a month for 7 months.

THE MILDRED HANSON SCOTT AND VERNON SCOTT STORY.

My first school I taught was the Peacock School, near Mt. Pleasant Church the school house was where the parsonage is now October 1, 1928-Spring 1929, that fall the school consolidated with Portland.

The next year Summer of 1929 - Spring of 1930 I taught a 2 month summer school at the old Riley School House, located 2 miles North of Berea and then out for the crops to be gathered and taught 6 months in the winter.

I married August 30, 1929, Vernon was working at Sterlington, Louisiana at a Carbon Plant and we boarded with his brother and sister in law Garland and Jessie Scott at Fairbanks, Louisiana until my school started back in October of 1929. Then the Riley School consolidated with the Hamburg School in the fall of 1930 and soon after my school was out Vernon's job was over and the Depression was on, Vernon's Grandfather William Henry Scott got sick and they sent for Vernon to come take care of him and we lived there until January, 1933 we moved to Portland, Arkansas where we lived in the Carson House, a big old two story house which we rented for \$8.00 a month, we lived there for 7 years and this is where our only child Billy Joe was born on October 15, 1935. In January of 1940 we moved across the Railroad Tract to Miss. Lottie Bain's House, we paid \$15.00 a month rent there. Mr. Bill Hudson. Vernon's Step father, Billy Hudson, his half brother and Hattie Hudson, his half sister, who were all living with us, Billy was working in the Drug Store for George Brown and Hattie was working in a Dress Shop for Mrs. Munk in Portland and Hattie and Billy said if we would move they would pay the difference in the rent for us. We lived there until May 1940 and Vernon was working on the W.P.A. doing road work and we had to move to Hamburg in order for him to keep his job, Vernon did not like the idea of living in Hamburg, we rented a house from Leroy Bunn and lived there until in the Fall of 1940. We bought a little 4 room house from Maysel and Edward Tucker - across the road

from where Jonette and Jimmy Mack Sullivan now live paid cash for it and also bought a butane tank and cook stove and 2 gas heaters. I was prouder of that little house than most people are today of their big fine brick homes. The war came on and Vernon went to work at the Pine Fluff Arsenal at Pine Bluff, he would come home on week ends, Billy Joe and me stayed in our little house here where I kept him in school until Mr. Robert Baird who was Sheriff of Ashley County came to our house one Sunday P.M. and offered Vernon a job as Deputy Sheriff and Jailer but we would have to move to the Jail and live there from July 1943 until July 1948, B. A. Courson was Sheriff at that time. We had lots of experience while there, I had to cook for the prisioners, 2 meals a day 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. we lived down stairs and the prisioners were up stairs, Mr. Bill Hudson moved to the Jail with us, while we were living at the Jail we bought the house where I now live from Roy Sawyer and rented it to Billy and Louise Hudson, Vernon's half brother. They were living here when Judy was born, she was born in the Hospital at Monticello. After we left the Jail we moved here and Mr. Bill Hudson moved with us and lived here until my step father George T. Riley died July 26, 1951. Mr. Bill told me, this was the place for my mother now and he would go some where else, he went to Mr. C. O. Brooks for a while and then to Billy and Louise Hudsons in Woodson, Arkansas. My mother lived with us for 17 years until her death June 17, 1968. Vernon died October 7, 1966, had hart attact died in Crossett Hospital. My Step Sister Bertha Riley VanHorn, who had worked at the T. B. Sanitorium at Booneville, Arkansas from 1932 until 1963 came to live with me to help with mother who had cancer, as I was working at the City Hall and needed some help, after mother died she stayed on with me until the last part of 1976 and she had to be put in the Nursing Home and passed away July 13, 1977, and I have lived by my self most of the time after that.

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This was my second school grades 1 - 7 and my students were:

Buttler Slocum

Jack Slocum

Inez Burchfield, married Morrill Harriman

C. I. Burchfield

Blanche Stone, married Harold White

Robbie Stone, married a Ferguson

Douglas Stone married Grace Shirtliff

Malvin Jeffers

Orvid Jeffers

Claude Riley, married Marie Judkins

I. G. Riley, married Margaret Higginbotham

Fred Riley, killed in World War II

Jimmy Clark, married Dorothy Kelley

Carrol Clark, married Sue Fannel

Durward Lloyd

Malbry Lloyd

Emma Jean Lloyd

Kenneth Riley, married Laverne Lucas

Floyd Riley, married Obalene French

Authur Riley, married a Courson

Mattie Pearl Riley, married John William Kilcrease

LaVon Riley